

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT
(Grand Lodge Merit Award Winner for District Newsletter - 2008)

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The fraternity has certain customs and usages. Those who denounce it in public can do it no harm, but defence can harm it. If a man gets up in public and says he thinks the public school is useless, the church a bad influence, and the government a failure, banks a hindrance to business and the automobile a blot on civilization, do you defend the school, the church, the government, the bank, the automobile? Every thinking human being knows the public school has

made this country what it is, that the church makes men and women better, that this is the best of all government, and that the automobile is the greatest of time-savers. These things are self-evident. The man who denies them makes himself, not the thing he criticizes, ridiculous. Criticism of Masonry hurts the man who utters it, not the Craft.

- Bro. Carl H. Claudy (1879-1957)

From the desk of the D.D.G.M.

Brethren,

Official Visits:

I would like to remind you of the Official Visits in April:

Thursday April 14: Coronati Lodge, Doric Temple

Monday April 18: Caledonia Lodge, York Temple

Tuesday April 19: Riverdale - John Ross Robertson Lodge, East Toronto Temple

Wednesday April 20: Markham Union Lodge: Claremont Temple

These changes have been made due to a medical procedure I had in the last week of March.

The Official Visits in March were well attended and the ritual workings were well done. It was also a pleasure to see some Entered Apprentices performing ritual. This is certainly one way to keep these new members involved and show their potential as future officers.



At one of my Official Visits I mentioned that in any organization, change is necessary to go forward. I also said that the change I was referring to was not changing the ritual. Change was in terms of Long Range/Strategic Planning. I said that change is about preparing for the possible while simultaneously rethinking the impossible. Change is about developing new habits and skills. Change involves embracing new perception and ways of thinking. Change is about humility and being prepared to approach things differently.

I mentioned that change involves the way we communicate effectively with each other at all levels. Change involves how we manage the ongoing operational activities of our lodges like preparing for future growth. I said when we make changes, sometimes it fails to bring about the desired results. One significant factor is that true change can take a long time for us to realize the true intent.

I ended by saying that we embrace change, not just to survive, but to flourish and to enhance ongoing personal experiences, not only for ourselves but for the people and our lodges we care about.

Long Range Planning:

Our District Chairman, Long Range Planning, has sent a template to all lodges for them to discuss and implement a Long Range Plan for their lodges. Some of the brainstorming they will be discussing will be the strength and weaknesses of their lodge, determining a vision statement and will set goals that they hope to achieve over the next three (3) years.

I have also appointed a five (5) man committee to develop a Long Range Plan for the District. The committee will be chaired by R.W. Bro. Greg Seale, District Chairman, Long Range Planning and includes Stephen Brash, Graeme Boyce, Keith Jones and Bruce Palanik. An initial meeting will be held this month to plan the program. The District plan may also borrow some aspects of Grand Lodge's Strategic Plan; however, it will be a District plan for the next three to five years. I am eagerly looking forward to the realization of this plan.

Improving your Proficiency in the Mechanics of the Work and Officer Progression Workshop: Saturday April 9th, East Toronto Temple, Chisholm Ave,

This workshop is designed for all lodge officers including Masters and potential officers and **begins at 8:30 am** with registration. The first session will explain the **“When, What, Who and How”** of the Mechanics of the Work. The following presenters will explain the four (4) parts of the program:

V.W. Bro. Gordon Crutcher, R.W. Bro. David Stephens - 9:10 am-9:30 am

R.W. Bro. David Stephens, V.W. Bro. Bryan Middleton - 9:30 am-9:50 am

R.W. George McCowan, W. Bro. Terrance Van Horne - 9:50 am-10:10am

R.W. Bro James Pearson and R.W. Bro. Richard Morreau - 10:10 am-10:30 am

After a short break, R.W. Bro. Kevin Smith will introduce the **Officer Progression** program which includes Responsibilities and Duties of Lodge Officers, Best Practices, Officer Learning Curve, Managing and Leadership and the Master's Chair.

I am expecting as many Masters, lodge officers and potential officers as possible to attend.

Coffee and a light lunch will be provided, sponsored by Mimosa Lodge.

District Programs:

The District Chairmen, Mentor and Brother2Brother programs held very successful workshops for their programs. The Mentor program started with a few enthusiastic masons and really built up to a crescendo



with the Master Mason's program. The Brother2Brother and the Friend2Friend programs will be holding another workshop shortly for those who could not attend the first.

Habitat for Humanities held their first build on Saturday March 19. From all accounts, it was well attended by members of the District.

District Meeting:

Our Spring District Business Meeting will be held on **Saturday April 30 at 9:30** am at the East Toronto Masonic Temple, Chisholm Ave. Reports will be given by District Chairmen and me on our various portfolios for the year under review.

I'll give you an account of the Grand Master's Reception by the Toronto and York Districts in my next monthly message.

VISITATION + EDUCATION = RETENTION

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R.W. Bro. Leyland A. Muss
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



TORONTO EAST DISTRICT EVENTS:

April 2011						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				<u>1</u> April Fools' Day * Wexford – Official Visit Date changed See below	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u> * Mimosa - Official Visit Date changed See below	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> * Brougham Union – Official Visit Date changed See below	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> * TED - Officer Progression Seminar See below East Toronto * Irish Constitution 3rd Degree See below Streetsville	<u>10</u> * Rainbow Girls - Church Service See below Pickering Village United Church
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> * Coronati - Official Visit Guests-8:00 pm Doric Pickering	<u>15</u> * Wexford – Masonic Education and Presentation DeMolay and Rainbow Girls Doric Pickering	<u>16</u> * The Beaches – Ladies Night See below School of Fine Dining	<u>17</u> * Scarborough MS Walk See below * Pledge Group – Rainbow Girls See below Doric Pickering
<u>18</u> * Caledonia – Official Visit Guests-8:00 pm York	<u>19</u> * Riverdale-JRR – Official Visit Guests-7:40 pm ← East Toronto	<u>20</u> * Markham Union – Official Visit Guests-8:00 pm Claremont	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> Good Friday – a Christian day or mourning. Whatever your religion, a good day for contemplation.	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Easter – a Christian day of celebration. Moderation in the eating of Easter eggs is strongly advised.
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> * Toronto and York Districts Masters' Dinner School of Fine Dining * Past Grand Senior Wardens' Annual Reunion See below	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> * TED – Spring Business Meeting Registration and coffee – 9:00 am Toronto East * TED – Habitat for Humanity Build Day 2 See below	



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<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * Friendship – Installation Banq-6:30 pm ← Guests-7:30 pm ← Doric Pickering	<u>12</u> * Todmorden – Official Visit Guests-8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> * TED – Divine Service 10:30 am See below St. Peter's Anglican * Pledge Group – Rainbow Girls See below Doric Pickering
<u>16</u> * Acacia – Official Visit Guests-8:00 pm East Toronto	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> * Scottish Rite – Master Masons' Night See below Rameses Masonic Centre	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> Victoria Day Or Simcoe Day or Civic Holiday or – whatever. Walleye season is open in southern Ontario. Now you can plant your garden. The 2-4 weekend!	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> * TED – Blood Donor Clinic See below St. Aidan's Anglican	<u>28</u> * Alpha-Tuscan – Masonic CHiP Day See below East Toronto	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u>						



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity

WindReach Farm strives to enrich the lives of persons of all ages with disabilities and/or special needs by providing opportunities to enjoy experiences in farming, nature, outdoor recreation and other activities and to share those experiences with family and friends. Project 2441.

Make cheques payable to The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, include the Project number and your lodge on the cheque and mail to the Masonic Foundation - 361 King St W., Hamilton ON, L8P 1B4.



Contact: Todd Owens @ 678@yrp.ca or 416.722.0843, or
David Neave @ davidneave@rogers.com or 905.725.8032

Instead of pointing a critical finger, try holding out a helping hand.
- Anonymous

Blood Donor Clinics



Toronto East Masons are officially Partners For Life with the Canadian Blood Services. **Volunteers to assist are always needed.** Any brother in Toronto East District that wishes to assist at the clinics at St. Aidan's Anglican Church, thus getting their Lodge 'credits' for the amount of donation's made at the clinic may contact the brethren shown below.

If you wish to be a donor and can't make it to any of the indicated Blood Donor Clinics, find yourself a clinic at the website indicated below and go and give blood. Take your family and friends. Be sure to let your lodge Blood Donor Chairman know that you have donated to get credits for your lodge. The Toronto East District 'Partners For Life' number is **TOR0009781** and any donation registered under that number goes in our totals count.

For information regarding the location of blood donor clinics, go to
www.blood.ca/centreapps/clinics/InetClinics.nsf/CVSE?OpenForm&CloseMenu

Contact: John Katz @ johnkatz@sympatico.ca or 416.264.7399
Doug Gray @ douggray@rogers.com or 416.266.0783

Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics -

Friday May 27 2011
3:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Clinic Hours
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
70 Silver Birch Ave. (S of Queen)
416.691.2222



Be Aware of Some Official Visit Date Changes

Conflicts between personal necessities and Masonic events have resulted in several Official Visit date changes. Please change your calendars.

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Wexford	April 1 2011	May 6 2011
Mimosa	April 4 2011	May 2 2011
Brougham Union	April 6 2011	May 4 2011

Canada Lodge U.D. - Kandahar

Worshipful Masters here think that it can be time consuming keeping candidates on track, meetings planned and getting lectures done. Consider our Masons in Afghanistan. Operating a lodge in a forward military base does have its unique problems. Here is part of a message from W. Bro. Rick Fulford, W. Master of Canada Lodge U.D.



We are planning to initiate (name redacted) and (name redacted). It appears that some of the candidates we had have moved on because we were not in a position to initiate them. I can see this is going to be an ongoing problem so we will have to work on it. The main problem is having someone to do the main lectures and the Junior Deacon for the floor work. We had a new brother out last week who is a Past Master and said he loves doing degree work. He just started a nine month tour here so if all goes well I will put him in the Junior Warden chair. He is going to do the Junior Deacon this Sunday and is working on it this week. (name redacted) was designated as the Junior Warden for Sunday and had the work down no problem but has just been notified he is going to Bastion on Friday. I will have to put someone in the Junior Warden chair in his spot and I will do the lecture myself if necessary, although it will be a bit shaky as it has been years since I have done it. However we will overcome! I believe the Lodge is on the upswing again and will continue to thrive.

We have begun a practise of doing Masonic Education at every meeting. I select a piece from the articles that are sent to us and assign a Brother to deliver it during Lodge. The Brothers seem to enjoy it and it keeps everyone involved as I appoint rather than ask so the shy ones are not left out.

As always I hope is all going well and send regards to all from Canada Lodge.

Boxes for Hope

Hiram's Lighthouse previously ran an appeal for school supplies. Canada lodge UD collected school supplies from brethren and family here in Canada for school children in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The outpouring of support for this project has been outstanding with significant support from our Alberta and Nova Scotia brethren as well as those from our own jurisdiction, says Joseph Curry who recently returned to Canada from duty in Kandahar.

Once again from W. Bro. Rick Fulford, W. Master of Canada Lodge U.D

On Sunday 13 March we delivered 51 Boxes to the forwarding point at the Bazaar school for movement out to OP1. (Observation Point #1 which is essentially a gate or access point for the base.) From OP1 the supplies are picked up by various means. Sometimes military convoys heading into remote regions will take supplies with them to be directly handed to the schools. The Afghan School Project will pick up boxes directly which they will distribute according to areas most needed.



We have now delivered a total of 68 Boxes of supplies and have collected \$2,185.00 in cash donations which have not been committed yet but will be used to purchase infrastructure of teaching supplies.



Loading Boxes for Hope for delivery



A supported school with playground equipment

Masons who provided support should be proud!

Toronto East Masonic Centre (T.E.M.C.)

On February 28th 2011, Graeme Boyce of The Beaches Lodge was elected President of the Board. He will need all your support in this daunting project.



See what's going on at their website -

www.torontoeastdistrict.com/temc.html

On the Internet

There is a ton of stuff on the Internet about Freemasonry. I've published stuff before about some of the interesting talks that exist. Minnesota has a whole series of Masonic Education videos that I have highlighted. Here is a video that is not specifically about Freemasonry . . . but then again, yes it is. Watch it all the way through, and there we are. I believe we are included in a topic we want to be grouped in. And the topic is pertinent to our new applicants. Have a boo –

www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxLaCltp2o&feature=player_embedded

. . . and In The News



The news of break-ins, thefts and vandalism to lodge buildings you may have heard of is not limited to our district, province or country.

“The continued burgling and vandalism of Masonic temples continues apace. Four Indiana State University students were arrested in October after breaking into the Masonic temple in Terre Haute, Indiana. The thieves used the fire escape to get on the roof, after first casing the building at an open house. “They had been there the week prior and knew the entry door on the roof was unsecure,” Terre Halite Police Detective Julia Dierdorf said. “They told the officers on the scene they’d been studying Masonic Templar history, and they were curious to see what they could find,” reported Detective Dierdorf. A unique excuse for burglary - breaking in because they wanted to learn about history. Once inside, police said they tried to steal a sword, sheath and sash.



Reports of lodge break-ins and vandalism continue to rise. The Masonic Temple in Manteca, California, was broken into over the New Year's weekend, with approximately \$7,000 in damage."

- The Journal of the Masonic Society, Winter Edition

Our higher profile due to the 'Dan Brown effect' does have a down side. Make sure your insurance is up to date and your building and its contents are secure.

Help! I've Been Mugged!

There is an old scam message purporting to come from someone you know saying they are in (pick any city) and have been mugged, losing all their money, ID and passport. The message then asks for help.

It's a SCAM!

A Mason's email addresses have been hacked. This message has gone to everyone on his email contacts list – many of them being Masons. These scams are like snowballs. Or the tar baby. They widen as the infection spreads. I am now receiving similar messages from at least one different Mason every week.

Think before you reply. Why would this person be contacting you rather than a relative, the embassy, etc.? Why would this person be contacting you by email (isn't it strange that he still has access to his computer when everything else is gone?) rather than by phone?

You were taught to be cautious.

Thoughts to Ponder

What is the essence of Freemasonry that has kept it alive as an institution for at least three centuries through incredible cultural and technological change?

Once you've come up with a well thought out answer to that, ask yourself this.

Where in your previous answer does it mention the memorisation of ritual?

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Whidbey Island Lodge #15 at Coupeville (on Whidbey Island) in Washington State
Submitted by Barry Villiers, West Hill



Do you have a picture of a Masonic building in downtown Some-Place-Else? Send it in. Let everybody see.

John Ross Robertson



Born in 1841, by 1863 he was city editor of the Toronto Globe and founder, 1866, of the Daily Telegraph. March 14, 1867, made a Freemason in King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, Toronto. Brother Robertson spent several years in England for the Toronto Globe. Returning to Canada, he managed the Nation in 1875 and in April, 1876, founded the Evening Telegram. He still found time to devote his talents to Freemasonry. In 1879 he was elected Junior Warden; in 1880, Worshipful Master. He had served as Worshipful Master of Mimico Lodge No. 369, 1879; Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Canada, 1880, and two years later was Senior Grand Warden. In 1886 Brother Robertson was Deputy Grand Master of the Toronto District.

In 1888 the Grand Lodge of Canada unanimously elected him Deputy Grand Master and he was re-elected. In 1890 he was elected Grand Master and was re-elected the following year. Elected a full member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, May 6, 1904. Brother Robertson's Masonic writings included –

- Talk's with Craftsmen, 1893;
- History of the Cryptic Rite, 1888 and 1890;
- History of the Knights Templar of Canada, 1890;
- History of Freemasonry in Canada, 1899. (*ED: a much quoted book by Masonic scholars.*)

Brother Robertson was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children and for thirty-five years furthered this worthy cause and is said to have visited the hospital every day. He personally equipped and presented to the Charity the Hospital buildings in College St. and Elizabeth St., built and founded the Lakeside Home for Little Children, Toronto Island, built a Nurses' Hostel, a Pavilion for tubercular treatment and established the pasteurizing of milk in the Hospital grounds at Toronto.

Many civic and public benefits in Toronto are due to him; improvements in the ambulance service, health department, and supplying free medical inspection and aid in schools. He made many public gifts in the way of books, pictures, and so forth. He three times declined to be candidate for Mayor of Toronto. In 1902 he also gratefully declined a Knighthood and a Senatorship. For many years Brother Robertson was President of the Canadian Copyright Association; he served as Vice-President and President of the Canadian Associated Press, and was Honorary President of the Toronto Press Club at his death. Brother Robertson died May 31, 1918, a last act of benevolence being to donate \$111,000 on May 20 to the Children's Hospital (see Transactions, Quatuor Coronati Lodge, volume iii, page 137, and volume xxxi, page 178). (*ED: see also Whence Come We? for more information about this outstanding Mason.*)

- Mackey's Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry

There are two kinds of light - the glow that illuminates and the glare that obscures.
- James Grover Thurber (1894-1961)



Friday April 1 2011

April Fools' Day



April Fools' Day is celebrated in the Western world on April 1st of every year. Sometimes referred to as All Fools' Day, April 1st is not a legal holiday, but is widely recognized and celebrated as a day which tolerates practical jokes and general foolishness. The day is marked by the commission of good humoured or funny jokes, hoaxes and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends, family members, teachers, neighbours, work associates, etc.

Traditionally, in some countries such as New Zealand, the UK, Australia, and South Africa, the jokes only last until noon, and someone who plays a trick after noon is called an "April Fool." It is for this reason that newspapers in the U.K. that run a front page April Fool only do so on the first (morning) edition. Elsewhere, such as in France, Ireland, Italy, South Korea, Japan, Russia, The Netherlands, Germany, Brazil, Canada, and the U.S., the jokes last all day.

The earliest recorded association between April 1 and foolishness can be found in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales (1392).

In 1509, a French poet referred to a poisson d'avril (April fool, literally "April fish"), a possible reference to the holiday.

In 1539, Flemish poet Eduard de Dene wrote of a nobleman who sent his servants on foolish errands on April 1.

In 1686, John Aubrey referred to the holiday as "Fool's holy day," the first British reference.

On April 1, 1698, several people were tricked into going to the Tower of London to "see the Lions washed."

The origins of April Fools' Day are obscure. The most commonly cited theory holds that it dates from 1582, the year France adopted the Gregorian Calendar, which shifted the observance of New Year's Day from the end of March (around the time of the vernal equinox) to the first of January. It took almost 200 years for this change to spread throughout Europe and the British Isles.

In the Middle Ages, New Year's Day was celebrated on March 25 in most European towns. In some areas of France, New Year's was a week-long holiday ending on April 1. So it is possible that April Fools originated because those who celebrated on January 1 made fun of those who celebrated on other dates. The use of January 1 as New Year's Day was common in France by the mid-sixteenth century, and this date was adopted officially in 1564.

According to popular lore, some folks, out of ignorance, stubbornness, or both, continued to ring in the New Year on April 1 and were made the butt of jokes and pranks on account of their foolishness. This became an annual tradition, according to this version of events, which ultimately spread throughout Europe.

A major weakness of this calendar-change theory is that it fails to account for an historical record replete with traditions linking this time of year to merriment and tomfoolery dating all the way back to antiquity.

The Romans, for example, celebrated a festival on March 25 called Hilaria, marking the occasion with masquerades and "general good cheer."



Holi, the Hindu “festival of colours” observed in early March with “general merrymaking” and the “loosening of social norms,” is at least as old.

It seems reasonable to speculate that the calendrical changes of the 16th and 17th centuries served more as an excuse to codify the general spirit of frivolity already associated with the advent of spring than as a direct inspiration.

- Various internet sites

Saturday April 9 2011

Toronto East District – Mechanics of the Work and Officer Progression Seminar

This seminar is for all current and future Officers. It also provides some great input for those who wish to do the ritual better. The workshop is run by Grand Lodge Team Leaders from the Officer Progression and P&E Committees. The program will include: -

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| • 9:00 am | <u>Proficiency in the</u> | • 10:30 am | <u>Officer Progression</u> |
| Lodge Room | <u>Mechanics of the Work</u> | Banquet Hall | Duties and Responsibilities |
| | When, What, Who and | | Best Practices |
| | How | | Officer Learning Curve |
| | | | Managing and Leadership |
| | | | The Master's Chair |

A light lunch sponsored by Mimosa Lodge will follow.

Time: 8:30 am – Registration and coffee and cookies
9:00 am to 12:30 pm - Seminars
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Contact: Gerry Newall @ geraldnewall@yahoo.com or 905.728.7388

from the Deputy Grand Master

As the Grand Master and I read the summons from across the jurisdiction, we are noticing significant increases in the number of men petitioning to join and in the number of candidates awaiting degrees. We are reminded that many of those joining our fraternity today are extremely well versed in Freemasonry before they even apply. We must therefore ask ourselves if the expectations of these new men are being met. Many of these Brethren are being left on their own to explore the meaning and symbolism of Freemasonry. What was told would become clear to them as they pass through their degrees, does not!

Brethren, many of us confuse mentoring with coaching. Especially when we have a backlog of degree work to perform, we sometimes find it difficult to spend time with our new members on anything else but coaching them in the work of the degrees. I encourage you to ensure that mentoring and education are not set aside because of the rush to advance the new Brethren. We need to be careful of this Catch 22 situation and may even have to take a night off to ensure that we spend some quality time with our candidates at a meeting without degree work.

In this regard, I would also ask for your support and the support of the District Secretaries in the completion of the L1 forms, especially the section on the Mentors programme. When you tick the ‘Mentors Programme’ box, do you know if the Lodge is actually mentoring versus coaching or instructing?



Our Condition of Masonry team is finding that some reports are not being completed in their entirety and that some individual responses leave much to be desired. While it may take a few minutes more, your assistance in submitting a complete and accurate report would certainly help us with our objective of measuring the 'worth' of these programmes. Your input is the key measurement for success and continued upgrading.

D.D.G.M. Correspondence Course: An update of the progress of potential candidates for election in July 2011 will be distributed to all D.D.G.M.s this week. Please check the progress in your District.

Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada Strategic Plan: This month we focus on the third strategic initiative from our Grand Lodge strategic plan, that is, **Communication**.

Strategic Initiative: Communication: We will communicate in an effective and consistent manner using the most appropriate medium to reach the target audience in a timely manner.

Strategic Goal 8: Provide a set of communication standards for use in all Grand Lodge communications.

Strategic Goal 9: Establish channels of communication to ensure effective dialogue and feedback between Grand Lodge and the constituents within the jurisdiction.

Strategic Goal 10: Make it easier for our members and potential members to communicate both internally and externally through the utilization of both internet and intranet resources.

Rationale:

- Existing modes of communication do not meet the needs of providing information to our membership and to those non-members seeking information about the fraternity.
- Delivery of member services suffers because communication to members is mostly one-way and often does not reach the target audience. The one-message-fits-all solution is not effective in achieving our desired results.
- Present modes of communication are failing to make the needs of the Brethren known to the Craft leadership that provides the services required to meet those needs. To learn more about our *Grand Lodge 2010-2016 Strategic Plan*, please contact the chairman of Long Range Planning, R.W. Bro. Wes Libbey (w.libbey@unb.ca) for information.

District and Lodge Websites:

As the number of Lodge Websites continues to increase, I wanted to remind you of a couple of simple requirements. The following is only an excerpt:

- No personal contact information should be included without the consent of the Brethren.
- There should be no duplication of information already found on the Grand Lodge Website.
- The official Grand Lodge of Canada Square and Compasses, as identified in Section 3.1 of the Book of Constitution must be used (Graphics may be found on the Grand Lodge Website).
- Links to other Masonic sites must be carefully researched.

In all of the above, the webmaster, the W.M. or the D.D.G.M., as appropriate, must ensure that the Grand Lodge Publishing policy has been applied.

Change?

Ever wonder why a car's windshield is so large, and the rear view mirror is so small? Because our Past is not as important as our Future. So, look ahead and move on.

- D. Garry Dowling



Saturday April 9 2011

Irish Constitution Master Mason Degree

Mark this Education Event on your calendar. The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario permits only two lodges in the province to use a ritual that is not The Canadian Work. This is one of those lodges. If you want to know why, you have to read Whence Come We. St. John's Lodge #20 of London Ontario will be performing the degree. If you have never seen their version of the Master Mason Degree, you are in for a treat. This event is for **Master Masons only**. **Regalia are required**. After the presentation, there will be a light lunch and an opportunity to meet the degree team.

Time: 9:00 am – Registration
10:00 pm – Lodge Opens and Presentation Begins
Location: Streetsville Masonic Temple
11 Thomas St., Mississauga
Cost: \$10.00 per person for lunch
Contact: Jan (John) Kawenka @ johnkawenka@rogers.com or 905.712.0352 or 416.388.0352 cell

Sunday April 10 2011

Rainbow Girls – Church Service

These young ladies will be holding a church service. All are invited. They will be more than glad to have your support.

Time: 10:30 am - Service
Location: Pickering Village United Church
Contact: Barb McGregor @ barb.mcgregor@rogers.com or 416.282.4254

Saturday April 16 2011

The Beaches – Ladies Night Gala



Once again The Beaches Lodge is hosting our annual Ladies Night Gala. This year it will once again be held at our very own Bro. Nick Zarafontis's restaurant, The School of Fine Dining, at a bargain price for a lovely meal at such an establishment. You can not get a better deal. Each table will have 2 complimentary bottles of wine. The menu for the evening will include

1st course soup - squash chowder,
2nd course salad - mixed spring greens with citrus vinaigrette,
Main course beef medallion with a port wine sauce; there will also be a fish option for main course
Followed by dessert coffee, tea.

There will be a cash bar and of course a DJ and dancing. A whole night of dancing, door prizes and other entertainment. Your special Lady will be very impressed. There are only 110 tickets available so reserve yours today and don't be disappointed.

Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm – Dinner
Location: The School of Fine Dining
4121 14th Ave, east of Birchmount Rd.
Cost: \$50.00 per person



Contact: Christian Giles @ christiangiles@hotmail.com or
Graeme Boyce @ gboyce@civilizedproductions.com or 416.402.8591
Ed Crosier @ newfser@hotmail.com or 289.240.4913

Sunday April 17 2011

2011 Scarborough MS Walk

The time is once again upon us. We have to pull our thumbs out and practice what we preach. Scarboro Lodge has supported this charity for the last 9 years and is looking for all the help they can get to put them over the top. Last year they fell just short of \$25,000 for their 9 year participation in this event. This year, they want to BREAK that total! Join the team and come aboard for the big victory. It will be a great occasion and you should be part of it!



You can make a difference in the life of a person living with multiple sclerosis. The impact of this devastating disease is felt by family, friends and by the community. MS is unpredictable, affecting vision, hearing, memory, balance and mobility.

Here is the information you will need to register for the event:

- Team Name: Scarboro Masonic Lodge #653
- Event Name: Scarborough MS Walk 2011
- Event Date: April 17, 2011

Even if you don't want to participate in the walk, you can still fundraise and give the total to our team. (You're in pretty bad shape if you can't do this EASY walk in the park.)

To register and join Scarboro Masonic Lodge #653 now, [click here](#). If you are already registered at this location, please login to your account then click on the **TeamMS** tab and follow the instructions to join the team. To find out more about the MS Walk, please visit www.mswalks.ca.

Bring MS to an end. Register today.

Time: 8:30 am – Check in
10:00 am – Walk starts
Location: Cedarbrae Collegiate Institute
550 Markham Rd., Scar.
Walk Length: 2 km (wheelchair accessible), 6 km and 10 km
Contact: Frank Mackay a@ frank_mackay@hotmail.com or 416.283.3472

Gauntlets and Gloves

There is symbolism to learn on Masonic regalia even if that regalia is not used in every jurisdiction: The same holds true for all of the working tools of an operative Mason; there are more working tools than some jurisdictions refer to in their degrees, and there are worthwhile lessons to be learned from the tools that are not included.

Gauntlets serve a practical purpose. Today gloves with gauntlets attached are worn by people in all sorts of occupations; the leather gloves protect the hands, and the gauntlets protect the wrists. Farmers and Ranchers wear them a lot; anywhere you might be working with something that is unwieldy you might enjoy having gauntlets on your gloves to help protect your wrists.



Gauntlets for the Mediaeval Knight were made of steel as a protection of the hands and wrists in battle. Today you'll find them made use of as part of formal dress in some Masonic Jurisdictions. Mackey tells us that they are a part of the costume of the Knights Templar, whose grand encampment directs that their gloves "be made of 'buff' leather, the flap [the gauntlet] to extend four inches upwards from the wrist." In the days of Knights if a Knight threw down his gauntlet it was his challenge to another and the challenge was certain to be accepted. In later times a slap in the face by the glove from one man to another was a challenge to a duel.

Gauntlets and gloves today serve a more gentlemanly purpose, in fact, gloves and gauntlets are a part of the vestments for Bishops in the Catholic Church.¹ And they are a part of the formal dress in Freemasonry in some jurisdictions.

Today, Gloves and Gauntlets serve as a symbol of high station, clean hands, and turning away from everyday reality.² Turning away from everyday reality is another important message of Freemasonry. Freemasons are wise if they leave the everyday reality outside of the Lodge Room - this is symbolic of leaving it away from our dealings with our brethren wherever we might interact with them. And since each of us are a representation of Freemasonry with everyone we meet every day, it is a good idea to be kind, forthright, honest, fair, and pure in all our actions. Freemasons are in the world, but they don't need to act as if they are of the world, they can be above the world.

Years ago it was the custom in the Lodges in Europe to present the new Mason with a pair of white leather gloves. It was a good custom, and it might still be the custom in some individual Lodges, but for the most part, the custom has been abandoned. Today the white gloves worn by Masons are for the most part are made of cloth, but the symbolism is still intact whether leather or cloth.

The custom of presenting white gloves to the new Mason dates back to at least 1686. The custom was to present the new Mason with two pair, and sometimes three; if presented with two pair, one pair would be for a woman; these were to be presented by him to his wife, or his betrothed, or the female he most esteems. An interesting item regarding this was that Brother Goethe sent the women's gloves he received to 'the chaste' Charlotte von Stein.³ If the new Mason is presented with a third pair; one is for the work of the Lodge, and the other pair is intended to teach him that the acts of a Freemason should be as pure and spotless as the gloves now given to him.⁴ This is a very good lesson for Masons to remember and apply to his own life, whether he wears white gloves in his jurisdiction or not: The lesson and symbolism of a Freemason keeping his acts pure and spotless is an important step in helping us to become the better men we want to be.

Mackey's Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry mentions Dr. Robert Plot who, described as no friend of Freemasonry but an historian of much research, wrote in 1686 about the custom of gloves being 'presented to the candidate for himself and his wife.' The encyclopaedia then adds, "The symbolism of the gloves, it will be admitted, is in fact but a modification of that of the apron. They both signify the same thing; both are allusive to a purification of life." After quoting Psalm 24, it then continues, "The apron may be said to refer to a 'pure heart'; the gloves to the 'clean hands'. Both are significant of purification - of that purification which was always symbolized by the ablution⁵ which preceded the initiations into the sacred mysteries. But while our American and English Freemasons have adhered to

¹ A short explanation of the reason bishops can wear gloves and gauntlets can be read at:
<http://www.catholicdoors.com/courses/roman.htm>

² Dictionary of Symbolism by Hans Biederman

³ Ibid

⁴ Mackey's Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry - Clegg edition

⁵ The act of washing; a cleansing with water or other liquid, as in ceremonial purification - the liquid used is ablutionary



the apron, and as a rule rejected the gloves as a Masonic symbol, the latter appear to be far more important in symbolic science, because the allusions to pure or clean hands are abundant in ancient writers.”¹

Regarding Psalm 24 quoted in Mackey’s - Psalm 24:3-4² is the scripture of The Great Light where the symbolism of the white gloves and apron are linked to the Great Light of Masonry.

“Hands are the symbols of human actions - pure hands are pure actions; unjust hands are deeds of injustice.”³ “I shall wash my hands in innocence, and I will go about Your altar, O LORD.”⁴

- Ed R. Halpaus
Masonic Matters

Sunday April 17 2011

Rainbow Girls – Pledge Group



Do you have or know of girls who would benefit from the teaching of our Craft? If you know of any girls between the ages of 7-11, Toronto Assembly #2 has re-opened their pledge group.

Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Doric-Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Catherine Benoit @ benoithome@sympatico.ca

Thursday April 28 2011

Past Grand Senior Wardens’ Annual Reunion

A degree team comprised of the Past Grand Senior Wardens of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario under the direction of R.W. Bro. John P. Logan, Grand Senior Warden will confer the Fellowcraft Degree (by permission of the W.M. of University Lodge W. Bro. Frank Veri). All are welcome.

Time: 6:30 pm – Banquet
7:30 pm – Lodge opens
Location: University Lodge No. 496
151 Annette St., Toronto
Contact: Norman Mathie @ grandsw2009@yahoo.ca or 416-993-6177

¹ Mackey’s Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry - Clegg edition

² Text of Psalm 24:3-4; “Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully.”

³ Mackey’s Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry - Clegg edition - quoting Wemyss in his “Clavis Symbolica.”

⁴ Ibid - Psalm 26:6

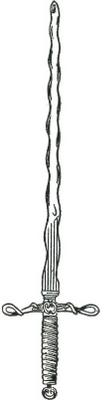


The Tiler's Sword

FLAMING SWORD. *A sword whose blade is of a spiral or twisted form is called by the heralds a 'flaming sword,' from its resemblance to the ascending curvature of a flame of fire. Until very recently, this was the form of the Tiler's sword.*

Carelessness or ignorance has now in many Lodges substituted for it a common sword of any form. The flaming sword of the Tiler refers to the flaming sword which guarded the entrance to Paradise, as described in Genesis (3:24):

*“So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubims and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life;”
or, as Raphell has translated it,
“the flaming sword which revolveth, to guard the way of the tree of life.”*



In former times, when the symbols and ceremonies were more respected than they are now; when collars were worn, and not ribbons in the buttonhole; and when the standing column of the Senior Warden, and recumbent one of the Junior Warden during labour, to be reversed during refreshment, were deemed necessary for the complete furniture of the Lodge, the cavalry sword was unknown as a Masonic implement, and the Tiler always bore a flaming sword. It were better if we could get back to the old customs.

Albert G. Mackey (1807-1881), An Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry-1879

Saturday April 30 2011

Habitat for Humanities



The second build day of this year's Toronto East District Habitat for Humanities project will be at 4572 Kingston Rd., just across the side road from Sisters Restaurant.

We currently have capacity for five to eight. This was the only weekend left until the end of June. They filled up very fast on the first day of booking! I endeavoured to book this date keeping in mind that summer is when we all get far busier in our personal lives, and they would not be ideal for participation.

And as a reminder to the lodge Masters and Secretaries, if you have not already, please contact me regarding your liaison / appointee to the project (using the form which was emailed out in October) so I may communicate with them directly to organize the participation in this worthy cause.

It is interior work and we will not be subjected to the elements. Hooray! We do have the ability to add a weekday event if more participants request. Currently there has been one request for a weekday event - if we can get another three bodies, we can book a weekday. Weekdays as of November 22nd are pretty much open.



Day 1 Build in the early hours
Michael Morris, Romy Thomas,
Mike Remillard, Royce Baker,
Ronald Narinesingh

Start time is 8:00 am sharp, and the day normally ends somewhere around 4:00pm. Pizza and pop lunch will be provided and volunteers also receive a Habitat for Humanity T-Shirt.



The Toronto East District Masons raised a sizeable amount of donations thus far for this worthy cause. Please continue to support the team by donating to your lodge liaison or directly to the chairman. You can also donate to the team online at <http://my.e2rm.com/TeamPage.aspx?TSID=294650&Lang=en-CA> Cheques will be cashed immediately after the April 30th event and tax receipts issued to the donors directly by Habitat.

Dates: Saturday April 30 2011
Time: 8:00 am until the union says to go home ☺
Location: 4572 Kingston Rd.
just across the side road from Sisters Restaurant.
Contact: Michael Morris @ mkmorris@gmail.com or 416.931.2954

A world community can only exist with world communication, which means something more than extensive shortwave facilities scattered about the globe. It means common understanding, a common tradition, common ideas and common ideals.

- Robert Maynard Hutchens (1899-1977), attributed

Saturday May 7 2011

Canada – Ladies Night

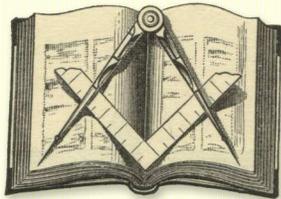
Canada Lodge is trying a new venue this year. Come and impress your favourite lady with your thoughtfulness - the day before Mother's Day. There will be a cash bar and of course a DJ and dancing.

Time: 6:00 pm – Social
7:00 pm – Dinner
Location: Ajax Convention Centre
550 Beck Cres., Ajax (Salem and 401)
Cost: \$55.00 per person
Contact: Greig King @ kiltedmapleleaf@rogers.com or 905.683.6834



Sunday May 15 2011

Toronto East District - Annual Divine Service



R.W. Bro. Leyland Anthony Muss, District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto East District and V.W. Bro. Joseph A. Das, Toronto East District Chaplain cordially requests your presence at the Annual District Divine Service. All Masons, family and non-Masonic guests are welcome. Regalia including W.M. collars are to be worn.

Time: 10:00 am - Assembly
10:30 am - Service
Location: St. Peter's Anglican Church
776 Brimley Rd., Scarborough
Contact: Joe Das @ joedas683@rogers.com or 416.291.6444



Sunday May 15 2011

Rainbow Girls – Pledge Group

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Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Doric-Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Catherine Benoit @ benoithome@sympatico.ca

Thursday May 19 2011

Scottish Rite - Master Masons' Night



A special evening open to all Master Masons who wish to learn more about Freemasonry. Witness the portrayal of the Colourful and Impressive 16th Degree. We invite all Master Masons to be our guests. A ticket is required for admittance. Contact your Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada, Valley of Toronto Lodge Representative or District Chairman.

Time: 7:30 pm SHARP
Location: Rameses Masonic Centre
(3100 Keele St.)
Contact: Elroy MacKinnon @ elroy@sympatico.ca or 905.839.5789, or
Prince Selvaraj @ prince.selvaraj@sympatico.ca or 416.269.9909

Saturday May 28 2011

Alpha-Tuscan Masonic CHiP Day

Other than they need all the help they can get, no information is available.

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Contact: Rod Rego @ rod_rego@hotmail.com

*Obedience to our Heavenly Father starts with our loving service to a needy Brother.
- William Arthur Ward (1921-1994)*

Tuesday June 14 2011

Royal Arch Masons – Master Masons' Night

Oakwood Chapter No. 233 will be hosting a Master Mason's night in Doric Pickering Masonic Hall. Plan to attend and to continue to extend your researches into Royal Arch Masonry.



The newly raised Master Mason is told the casual signs and words are a substitute until time and circumstances will restore the genuine secrets.



Royal Arch Masonry is a continuation of the three degrees of Free Masonry, the completion of the temple, an explanation of Royal Arch Masonry in general. We extend an invitation to all Master Masons wishing further light in Masonry to see the completion of the temple and what Royal Arch Masonry has to offer for their continuing researches into Freemasonry.

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Allan Pendleton @ xscouse@rogers.com or 416-283-2713
Richard Allgood @ rall@sympatico.ca or 416-284-8919
Raymond Beverley @ rbeverley@sympatico.ca or 416-284-8610



... by the Lighthouse Beam

An Inconvenient Truth About Freemasonry



Before I tell you the Inconvenient Truth About Freemasonry, let me first tell you that I confess that I am a Born Again, Fundamentalist, Freemason.

Now before you have a cardiac arrest, or a stroke, let me explain what a Born Again, Fundamentalist, Freemason is.

I used to be a very (for want of a better word) liberal Mason. I am now a very Conservative or Traditionalist, Freemason. Therefore, I am Born Again.

By Fundamentalist, I mean that I believe that no one has a right to be a Freemason. I believe those who want to be Freemasons must be good and true men, free born and of a mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bondsmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, only men of good report.

I believe that a man who wants to be a Freemason must believe in the existence of God, and take his Obligation on Volume of The Sacred Law of his choice and that he owes a duty to that God and to his fellow man no matter what their creed, colour, or religion.

I believe that a Freemason is obliged to obey the moral and civil law.

I believe that a man's religion or mode of worship should not exclude him from the Order of Freemasonry, provided he also believes in the existence of a Supreme Being, and that Supreme Being will punish vice and reward virtue.

I believe that a Freemason is bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience.

I believe that Freemasonry is the centre of union between honest men and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

I believe a Freemason's Lodge is the temple of peace, harmony, and brotherly love; nothing is allowed to enter this Lodge which has the remotest tendency to disturb the quietude of its pursuits.

I believe all preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, therefore no Brother should be passed chair to chair, whether it is in a Lodge or a Grand Lodge, just because he knows the right people or has held the previous office for one year. No Grand Master, Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but only for his merit.

I believe that there is nothing wrong with Freemasonry, as laid down for our instruction in our Ancient Charges.

I am a Born Again Fundamentalist, Freemason.



Now having got that out of the way let us proceed to the Inconvenient Truth About Freemasonry. In the English speaking world, which is your father's, Freemasonry is in its death throws. It is lying on the floor in front of us writhing in pain, grasping its last breath, waiting for someone to put it out of its misery.

While I could spend hours telling you about the decline in North American Freemasonry, or what has caused this decline I would be just wasting your time. You all know about the loss of membership, the lack of new members, the lack of Masonic Knowledge or Education of our members, and even the lack of leadership in our beloved Craft. Also, from a perusal of Grand Lodge Proceedings of various jurisdictions, there is a disturbing thread that appears to weave its way through many of them. There is a higher incidence of Masonic trials than that which may be considered normal for an institution professing to be so selective in accepting petitions. In many cases, the type of activity, which gives rise to the trial, is such that the integrity of the Masonic structure may be at stake. Murder, rape, child molestation, armed robbery, wife beating, fraud and forgery are no longer uncommon charges giving rise to Masonic trials. There are too many members and not enough Masons. We have let every Tom, Dick and Harry into our gentle craft; we have not guarded the west gate. And somewhere along the way we let the Ritualists take over our Lodges. The performance of the Ritual became more important than what the Ritual teaches.

However, the other Inconvenient Truth About Freemasonry, which is our Forefathers Freemasonry, is alive and well and growing. In most cases they are growing at a rate of at a rate of 10 percent a year. And candidates are lining up to get in.

I am talking about Traditional Freemasonry.

First we must agree that Freemasonry is not for everyone. I become disturbed from time to time when I see the eroding of quality in leadership at the level of a Grand Lodge. Yet, I am well aware that a Grand Lodge can only reflect the quality of its constituent Lodges. If there is poor quality in the Lodge, poor quality at Grand Lodge level cannot be avoided.

It is inescapable - quality in Lodges cannot be improved without proper scrutiny of the rude material brought to our Lodge doors. We need make no apology to anyone who would offer himself for membership. The accepted candidate will prize his membership more highly if he is aware that all his Lodge brothers have passed the quality test as he has done. An accepted candidate will have a low regard for his membership if he has not been investigated to reveal serious flaws he knows he possesses. He will assume all his Lodge brothers have equally serious character flaws. Let us do proper investigations, complete with police checks and credit checks. Let us look at my Grand Lodge, the Gran Logia de Costa Rica:

- When you apply, you provide a colour picture of yourself, curriculum vitae, a written Police Report, and a written credit report.
- The Grand Lodge then make up a notice containing your picture etc, which is then placed in every Lodge Building in the Country for ONE YEAR.
- If this form is taken down and given to the Master of a Lodge with an explanation, the process stops.
- If the form is not removed an investigation committee is formed.

This committee will take up to a year.



Therefore the time from when you apply to when you get your Entered Apprentice is 2 years. There is at least a year between degrees. It is what the ritual teaches, not the performance of the ritual that counts.

Secondly, lodges should be kept small, no larger than 65 members. The dues structure should be such that the Lodge is self-sustaining. For example, the cost of joining should be \$1,000.00 and yearly dues of \$300.00 - \$400.00 per year, a dollar a day. Now before you say that this means that a good man who has not the financial resources cannot be made a Mason, or that those elderly Brethren on fixed incomes would have to drop out. Let me make it perfectly clear, that any good man who should be a Mason, but cannot afford it, or any Brother cannot pay the dues, their dues are then paid by their Brethren. After all, is this not one of our Tenets (Relief) and in these Lodges it is practiced.

Thirdly, Brethren should be expected to attend Lodge. If you are going to be absent, you should have written the Secretary or at least phoned him and told him why you are missing the meeting. Most Traditional Style Lodges average 85 - 90% attendance at every meeting. This far cry from a Lodge that has 500 members and some nights there are not enough bodies to even open the Lodge.

The Festive Board is an integral part of this Freemasonry; here fellowship that was started in the Lodge Room has a chance to grow and to prosper. The sense of community is once again fostered. And yes, in most Traditional Grand Lodges liquor is allowed, but never to excess. Once again the Ancient Charges which state, "You may enjoy yourself with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoid excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination," give us direction on how Masons should act and can be found in the Section entitled "Behaviour After The Lodge Is Over and The Brethren Not Gone."

My Brethren, we have forgotten just how basic our fraternity is. Maybe it is time we once again read those Ancient Charges. Maybe it is time we stopped trying to improve Freemasonry, stop trying to find quick fixes and got back to our roots.

Brethren I have closed every talk I have given in the last 15 years this way and tonight will not be any different.

I would like all of you to stand - now I would like you to turn to the Brother beside you and grasp his hand with the Grip of a Mason.

Now I want you to ask yourself how many Masons would you trust with your life savings, your home, your family's well being, and even your life, on that Grip.

If you are honest, the answers will be "not many" or "very few" or even "I can count on one hand the number that I would trust." Why even some of you, will say to yourself "not one."

Well my Brethren, it never used to be like this. What a shame that Freemasonry has sunk so low. It is up to each and every one of you to bring our Gentle Craft back to its former glory.

Author: Nelson King



http://nelsonking.ca/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

Donate your organs – you are not going to be using them any more. Sign your organ donor card. Let your family doctor and your family know of your wishes.



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